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OFFICE OF WATER

Ms. Nina Bell
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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request HQ-FOI-01732-11

Dear Ms. Bell:

Enclosed you will find a CD containing copies of documents that are responsive to your Freedom of Information Act Request HQ-FOI-01732-11, as amended by you on March 14, 2013, related to the EPA's conditional approvals of state submitted water quality standards. As described in the EPA's letter to you dated April 24, 2013, we reached out to our Regional WQS counterparts and received additional documents outside of the EPA's WATA tracking system. Specifically, we are including responsive documents on the following topics:

- All formal approval letters and formal support documents prepared between 1993 and March 14, 2013 in which the EPA has conditionally approved a state's water quality standards submission pending completion of some action including but not limited to completion of Endangered Species Act Section 7 consultation.
- Any lists or summaries, if any have been compiled, of the conditional approvals that have been issued by the EPA from 1993 to any date up to and including March 14, 2013.

We are unable to provide you with the documents, or portions of documents, which have been determined to be exempt from mandatory disclosure by virtue of 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(5). A list by category of the withheld material along with the basis (exemption) for withholding will be provided to you in May 2014, once EPA has fully completed its response to your request(s). Once you receive the list of withheld material, you will have the opportunity to appeal the partial denial to the National Freedom of Information Officer.

Please contact Shari Barash at 202-566-0996 or Christina Christensen at 202-566-0537 should you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sara Hisel-McCoy".

Sara Hisel-McCoy
Division Director, Standards and Health Protection Division

Enclosure: CD

